

TRIBUTE: ALPHA DELTA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on sixty-nine years of dedicated service, and proclaim October 2016 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals are to institute high standards of education, recognize outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and promote educational and charitable projects, enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of more than 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth, and collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession, and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of America's workforce and are constantly striving to serve their communities and America in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Since 2014, members of Alpha Delta Kappa have altruistically given to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$12 million dollars and volunteering more than two million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa members biennially award more than a quarter million dollars through eleven scholarship programs and have contributed more than \$1 million dollars to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well as they continue to educate our children.

RECOGNIZING HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hensel Phelps Construction Company for receiving the 2017 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This prestigious award is given to only a handful of firms out of over 3,000 applicants in order to recognize their support of National Guard and Reserve employees. This is truly a remarkable achievement that speaks to Hensel Phelps' care for our service members.

Hensel Phelps is a thriving, international corporation that was founded in Greeley, Colorado in 1937. Over the last 80 years, this company has grown from a local commercial construction company to the prosperous international business it is today. They have cre-

ated thousands of jobs and have made notable contributions to improve the communities around their operations, as well as their employees' livelihoods.

Hensel Phelps is an excellent example of what enterprising and forward thinking businesses can accomplish in America's great economy. As a former executive there, I have experienced firsthand what a remarkable company it is. The skills I learned and experiences I had while at Hensel Phelps still help me to this day as I work to represent the people of Colorado's fourth district. The care given to their staff is exceptional, and they should be commended for their innovative spirit, employee ownership model, and commitment to supporting our troops. Hensel Phelps' inspiring success confirms that the American Dream is alive and thriving in Colorado and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Hensel Phelps Construction Company for receiving the 2017 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on September 6, 2017, I was unavoidably detained, and absent for Roll Call votes 445 through 456. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: No on Roll Call vote 445, on passage of amendment 15; No on Roll Call vote 446, on passage of amendment 17; No on Roll Call vote 447, on passage of amendment 25; No on Roll Call vote 448, on passage of amendment 32; No on Roll Call vote 449, on passage of amendment 33; Yes on Roll Call vote 450, on passage of amendment 38; No on Roll Call vote 451, on passage of amendment 39; No on Roll Call vote 452, on passage of amendment 46; No on Roll Call vote 453, on passage of amendment 51; No on Roll Call vote 454, on passage of amendment 54; No on Roll Call vote 455, on passage of amendment 56; and No on Roll Call vote 456, on passage of amendment 58.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 5, 2017, I was not present for the recorded votes on roll call no. 439 and 440. Had I been present, I would have voted:

On Roll Call vote no. 439, the motion to suspend the rules and pass, the Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Continuity Act, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call vote no. 440, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, to direct the securities and Exchange Commission to allow certain issuers to be exempt from registration requirements, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JOHN D. LYNN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant John D. Lynn of the Salinas Police Department for over 25 years of dedication to the residents of the city of Salinas.

After leaving active duty in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord, John Lynn opted to serve his community by entering an officer training program for law enforcement in 1990. Upon completion, he was assigned as a patrol officer in the city of Salinas, California. In 1993 he became a D.A.R.E. instructor, educating the students in Salinas High School and Washington Middle School about the dangers of drug abuse. Over the ensuing years, as a community service resource office, Officer Lynn coordinated neighborhood watch meetings and organized crime prevention presentations. Sergeant Lynn also conducted the Salinas Police Department's first ever National Night Out event, in which neighbors and police convene for a night of community conversation, casual dining and community festivities.

In 2000, Sergeant Lynn became a traffic motorcycle officer, tasked with leading major traffic collision investigations. Over the years, he was promoted to sergeant, served with various capacities in the Salinas Police Department, including the personnel and training unit, patrol, supervision of the traffic unit, internal affairs, and a role coordinating a DUI enforcement campaign.

In a dramatic episode in November 2015, Sergeant Lynn and two fellow officers successfully prevented an attempted suicide by hanging of a man. He is a hero and was honored as Monterey County Officer of the Year.

For the past six years, Sergeant Lynn has been the S.P.D. representative for the Special Olympics of Northern California. Only a few weeks ago, a golden torch passed through Salinas, escorted by several local officers, an event that raised more than \$13,000 for the program. It is yet another example of Sergeant John Lynn's dedication to this community. On behalf of California's 20th District, I thank him for his many years of service, and I wish him the best of luck in his well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FALLEN U.S. ARMY MAJOR (MAJ) GREGORY JOHN FESTER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of U.S. Army Major (MAJ) Gregory John Fester who died while defending our great nation on August 30, 2005, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol in Iskandariyah, Iraq. MAJ Fester was assigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, while serving with the 155th